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# ALFRED PERHAM

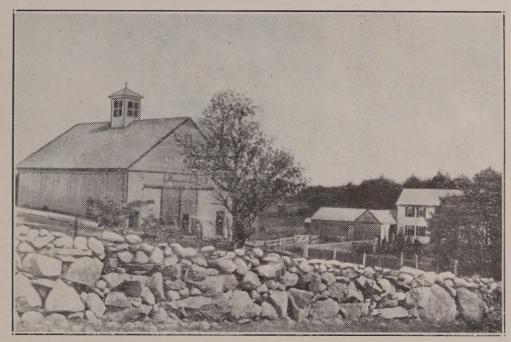
HE ALFRED PERHAM HOMESTEAD is an excellent example of an "Early American Small House". Any house built prior to 1783 can be properly classified as Colonial because at that time the colonies ceased to exist as such. Naturally carpenters and architects continued to build houses as they had been accustomed until the fashion changed during the early 1800's. The types of houses constructed during this period are just as true to type as those built before the birth of our United States. This house is a distinct type, simple in line and unadorned by porch, dormer, or bay window and was most common prior to the Revolution.

Our purpose is to point out some of the details that make this particular house of special interest to us at this time.

Starting at the ground we first examine the foundation. The cellar is under the rear part of the house only and

the "raising bee" and the great work and play on the day when neighbors and friends gathered at the new homesite early in the day and perhaps by evening saw a new home take on shape. The outside covering is in two styles, weather boarding and clapboards, the front section wearing the clapboards. The weather boarding was an early attempt at tongue and groove boarding, each board having a lip to overlap the next lower board and thus shed rain. The clapboards are beveled at each end or "ship lapped" a practice carpenters used until about 1790.

The sash or "guillotine" window was first introduced in New England in 1715. The earliest sash were made of small but numerous panes, as glass had to be imported and so was expensive. The quality of glass was very poor. The lower sash was usually made smaller than the upper to facilitate raising and lowering of the window. The glass was set nearly flush with the outside of the sash allowing very little space for putty. As time went on and glass was



ALFRED PERHAM HOMESTEAD, WESTFORD ROAD
(This picture taken in 1888)

is made in two sections, each of different date and construction. The older part is constructed from huge blocks of granite, cut from the ledge with the small steel feathers, typical of old style cutting. The blocks are dry laid, as lime was expensive in early America. They have since been "pointed up". The front part is of dry laid field stone, topped at the ground line with a piece of cut granite. On this foundation rest the sills, massive 12 by 12 white oak. The cellar is deep and dark as it was used primarily for storage of meat, vegetables, fruit, preserves and in rare cases a sly barrel of ageing apple cider. The house seems to hug the ground just above in an effort to keep out winter winds.

One other interesting feature of the construction is the "summer beam", running at right angles to the length of the house, adjacent to the center chimney, and forming a bearing for the oak floor timbers used in framing the floor.

The house is a "raised house" having been assembled "on the job". Each joint is numbered with old type Roman numeral markings and no nails are used in the construction, the whole structure is tied together with corner braces and pegged with oak pins. Nearly two centuries of storms bow to the honesty of builder and materials. It is easy to imagine

manufactured in the colonies it became a mark of distinction to have larger panes of glass installed in homes and by 1775 the panes were in some places as large as 8" by 10". The original sash in the Perham house were 9 over 6 with 7" x 9" panes. Unfortunately in a hundred years of use they were worn out and were replaced about ninety years ago with the present sash.

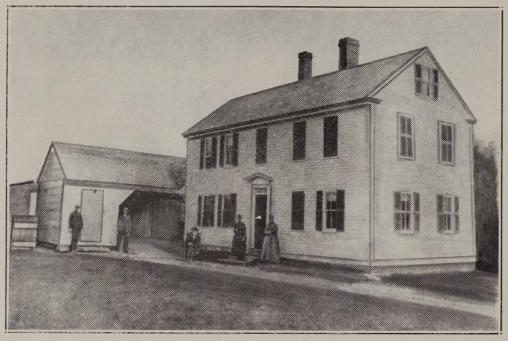
The blinds are of the fixed slat type, commonly used until about 1760.

Inside the house is lathed with the old hand split oak lath and finished with old style thin plaster. There are several examples of batten doors, made with hand wrought nails and hung with "strap" or H and L hinges. Some of the walls are boarded part way up in the form of wainscoting and some have chair rails to protect the thin plaster.

The use of cut stone in the house and around the farm is of course to be expected in a section where granite abounds. There are some uses to which the granite was put that are rather unusual and deserve mention here. One of the outbuildings assumed to have been used as a blacksmith shop is entirely floored with cut stone, as is a large portion of the barn cellar. The door steps are large blocks

with iron foot scrapers. The thresholds leading to the barn proper are huge pieces cut 18" wide, 10" deep, and 12 feet long. There are several troughs for feeding hogs fashioned from a single block of stone and large enough to accommodate six hogs at once. The old granary or corn crib rested on flat cut stones supported on granite posts, a very unusual construction. The letch stone was located near the wood shed, a large flat stone with a circular groove cut in it and a drain to one side. On this stone the barrel of wood ashes sat while water was allowed to seep slowly down to drain off as nearly pure potash from which all the household scap was made. There is also the "pound" stone used on the old fashioned balances when a pound measure was needed.

His son John (2) married Lydia Shepley at Chelmsford in 1664. Joseph (3) married Dorothy Kidder and bought from the Scarlet heirs, a large tract of wild land on the east side of the Merrimack River. Here on the place now owned by Mr. Wm. Bailey, he built a stockaded house in 1711. John (4) is reputed to be the first white child born in Tyngsborough, east of the river. His son John (5) remained on the homestead but Peter (5) and Elijah (5) moved further up river. Elijah's homestead was located about half way between River and Mill at a place later called James Perham's corner. It was here that Ralph (6) and Alfred (7) were born. Alfred Perham was born August 23, 1825.



ALFRED PERHAM FAMILY AT HOME, 1888
Reading from left to right: Leon B., Enlo A., Alfred, Sirena J., Eliza J. (Chandler) Perham.

Imagine the time and labor expended in the fashioning and placing of the huge pieces.

This article would not be complete without some mention of the old mill site located just across the road and the great stones used there. The old earth dam is still in usable condition, the stoned up millrace and spillway overgrown with brush but still clearly there. The dam was originally used as a roadway and the huge granite slabs cover the bridge where the brook now flows. The Keyes' mill, machinery and buildings have long since disappeared leaving only the brook and the ageless stones to tell their story but that shall of necessity, be a tale for another day.

Among the early and respected settlers of Massachusetts was John Perham, who came from England about 1640 to settle in Rehoboth, Mass.

In the year 1855 he married Sabra Sirena Blodgett and they made their home in the house now owned by Charles A. Lorman. Here their only child was born, Leon Blodgett, April 2, 1863. Leon's mother died May 18, 1863.

Alfred Perham married Jane Chandler of Westford, Sept. 8, 1864 and in 1865 he purchased the Homer farm and established a second home. Here two of Alfred's children were born, Enlo A. Sept. 20, 1866; and Sirena J. Aug. 23, 1871. Leon died January 8, 1943. Sirena is married and lives in New Boston, N. H. Enlo now lives with his wife (Addie G. Jewett) on Kendall Road. His work as Postmaster and long association with the store have made him known and beloved by citizens young and old. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Perham received warmest greetings from all who knew them on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

ALFRED PERHAM.

# TYNGSBOROUGH GRANGE NO. 222

Regular meetings of the Tyngsborough Grange are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month except July and August, when only one meeting, the first Tuesday, is scheduled. The next class of candidates will be initiated at our regular meetings in April and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of the opportunity to take the seven degrees of the order this year. Any of the new candidates will have the opportunity to do so as the State and Pomona Granges are making every effort to arrange for the fifth and sixth degrees, in preparation for the seventh degree to be worked by the National Grange at Portland, Maine, late this fall.

The Grange has an enviable history of enlightenment and advancement for all who are interested in agriculture, education, and the sciences and seeks to inculcate by its ritual

and programs a respect for knowledge and character. It bids welcome to all who subscribe to these principles, regardless of race, color or creed, denomination or sect.

The present officers are:

Warren W. Allgrove, Master; George W. Shipley, Overseer; Ethel Q. Sherburne, Lecturer; Harvey Pineo, Steward; Raymond F. Wilkins, Assistant Steward; May H. Collins, Chaplain; Raymond W. Sherburne, Treasurer; William Doyle, Secretary; David Boucher, Gatekeeper; Claudia Bell, Ceres; Lillian Pineo, Pomona; Grace Stratton, Flora; Daisy Wilkins, Lady Assistant Steward; Eleanor S. Riley, Pianist; George R. Robeson, Marjorie Sampley and Chester H. Queen, Executive Committee.

Fraternally,

WARREN W. ALLGROVE, Master.

#### TYNGSBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The meetings of the Society during the year 1947 have been both interesting and instructive. At the February meeting a fine collection of hooked rugs was shown with appreciation of the utility and beauty they brought to the homes of our forebears. Music boxes also added charm to those early days.

In April a large group of members attended a meeting of the New Hampshire Historical Society at Concord. Time was allowed to inspect the museum of historical relics at the Society's Library Building before the lecture given by Mr. Ralph May on "Historical Houses of Portsmouth." This library contains the largest collection of original documents and records of historical and genealogical material in New Hampshire.

The May meeting was held at the home of Mrs. William J. A. Bailey which is located on the site of the first settlement within our town on the east side of the Merrimack. The Parhams and Butterfields bought jointly a large area in the wilderness in 1711. The meeting was attended by several guests from the Groton Society and from Dunstable. The antique teapots displayed were the subject of a fascinating talk given by Mrs. Franklin Hammond. Tea was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Theodore Boucher entertained the society twice during the year. In the spring, attention was centered on dolls, both old and modern, of which over three hundred have been collected and arranged by Miss Joan Boucher. Mrs. Boucher's large collection of glass, china, buttons and miscellaneous articles attracted much attention, also. In the fall another meeting was devoted to the consideration of figurines with Mrs. Boucher, whose large and valuable collection is outstanding. Mrs. Estabrook gave a comprehensive talk on the development of making these little figures through the centuries from ancient China and mediaeval Italy, Germany, France and England to the modern. She showed many specimens made of such materials as Parian Marble, Dresden china, bisque, clay and glass.

A charming guest in September was Miss Fanny Murphy. She told of graduating from Lowell High School in June 1884 and of going that fall, still in her teens to teach school in Tyngsborough. She went by train to Graniteville where she was met by the Chandlers with whom she boarded. The drive seemed very long, up and down hill, through the chestnut woods to their home now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Duncan. She taught 11% weeks at Number 3, the school house with the wonderful view of central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire, near Mr. Earl Connell's home.

An exhibition was arranged in November at the Library, to which the school children were invited. Artificial lighting was the theme—the pioneer home utilizing fire place glow or pine knots, the candle placed in iron "pig scraper" or fine brass candle sticks. Then came the fluid and whale oil lamps of the early Victorian era followed by kerosene or gas lamps as seen in the later Victorian sitting room, and now electric fluorescent lighting. Two ladies gowned in authentic period costumes gave the scene an air of reality and beauty.

The society is grateful for the many gifts of papers, manuscripts and articles of historic value that have been donated this year.

The membership has increased by several names since the last report. A cordial invitation is extended to any interested person of Tyngsborough or Dunstable to join the organization.

Date markers have been prepared for nine more of the older houses in town making twenty-four in all.

Original Owner	Present Owner	Date	Built
Tyng-Flint	Mr. Donald H. MacAskill		1700
Daniel Fletcher	Mr. Herbert E. Ashley		1733
Eleazer Farwell	Mrs. Elsie Cobleigh		1759
John Littlehale	Mr. Valmont Theriault		1769
James Littlehale	Mr. Channing Gunter		1769
Tyng-Frederick	Mr. Earle R. Stratton		1794
Isaac Glynn	Miss Marie Davis		1795
Isaac Pike	Mr. Fred L. Snow		1797
Winslow School	Mrs. Ethel Sargent		1798

The Society is very grateful to Miss Elizabeth Sherburne who has done the lettering as a contribution to the project.

The committee in charge of this work are Mrs. Carl A. Richmond, Mrs. F. D. Lambert, Mrs. Edward Moss, Jr. and Mr. Franklin Hammond. They are always very glad to receive information that will help to verify the age of other old houses in town.

BERTHA M. TURNER.

# INDUSTRIOUS CLUB

The meetings of the Industrious Club have been held regularly excepting during July and August, which are left for an outing or special meeting. In July we chartered a Bus and about thirty spent the day at Salem Willows, and in August we held a joint meeting with the Ladies' Social Circle. We give donations to the Community Chest, Red Cross, and send money to the Children's Home in Lowell at Christmas, also send flowers or fruit to the sick, and cards on birthdays of the members.

Red Cross sewing is done to some extent. We can take advantage of any of the classes, the Middlesex County Extension Service offer, and they will send leaders at any time.

The meetings are held all day on the second Thursday of each month at the homes of the members with luncheon at noon.

The officers are President, Louise Downs, Vice President Jennie Shultie, Secretary and Treasurer Ethel Sargent. There are no dues, but a floral collection is taken.

Visitors and new members are welcome.

ETHEL M. SARGENT, Secretary.

# THE WINSLOW SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The meetings of the Winslow School Parent Teacher Association have been held regularly at the School. It was voted this year to hold the meetings once a month, on the first Tuesday, starting in October and omitting the December meeting. At the end of the membership drive we had 138 enrolled members.

Our main project for the year has been equipment for the playground. Two pieces of apparatus were donated, a merry-go-round for the small children and a set of see-saws. The Association has purchased a toboggan, four outdoor basketballs, and one football. With the aid of a generous contribution from the School Committee enough money has been made to purchase a jungle-gym which will be installed this spring. This is a piece of equipment that children of all ages can use and enjoy.

In June the Association was host at a banquet for the pupils of the eighth grade at the White Gobbler. A successful Halloween Bridge and Whist party was held in October, the proceeds from which were added to the Playground Equipment fund.

The officers for the present year are as follows: Mrs. Martin Betz, president; Mrs. Gilbert Dupras, vice-president; Mrs. Harvey Pineo, treasurer; Mrs. Curtiss Lustig, secretary; Mrs. Orrin Leonard, chairman of the program committee; Mrs. John Riley, chairman of the Hospitality Committee; and Mrs. Adelard LeBlanc, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

HELEN L. LUSTIG, Secretary.

# EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

For eighty years this Evangelical Church has been established in Tyngsboro. The Eightieth Anniversary is to be observed in April, 1948, with a week of special activities and services.

Four-score years is a good while in comparison with the life time of a man. The "place" which the Church has in a community is dependent upon the attitudes of the people in the community. A community is no stronger that its churches, and the churches are no stronger than the people of the community.

The Tyngsboro Evangelical Church, like all things, has had its good years and its less productive ones. The year of 1947 has seen another change of ministers, with the usual readjustment to the situation. The present writer has no special event or outstanding activity to report in this Annual.

If a Christian Church is to be Christ-like, there must be Cooperation, Charity, and Character. Cooperation develops from Charity, and Charity grows out of Character.

G. HUBERT UNDERHILL, Minister.

Evangelical Congregational Church
Tyngsboro, Massachusetts

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending October 31, 1947

RECEIPTS			
Balance Oct. 31, 1946		\$	950.33
Membership Dues		Ψ	58.00
Advertising 1947 V. I. A. Annual			151.50
Advertising 1946 V. I. A. Annual			3.00
Fair April 10-11, 1947			
Door\$	130.36		
Supper and sale of food	125.30		
Flower Table	32.35		
Fancy Table	53.75		
Novelty Table	42.98		
Farmer's Table	79.63		
Children's Table	48.85		
Candy Table	34.40		
-		\$	547.62
Annual Banquet			66.50
Interest on Savings Deposits			4.13
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		\$1	,781.08
Total Assets as follows:—			
Cash in hand Oct. 31, 1947		\$	1.17
Union National Bank, Checking Account			196.28
Union National Bank, Savings Account			135.79
Lowell Institution for Savings			188.14
U. S. Bond (purchased June 14, 1941)  @ cost			148.00
@ cost		_	148.00
		\$	669.38
PAYMENTS			
Annual Meeting Nov. 7, 1946		\$	112.00
Fair April 10-11, 1947			
Supplies\$	159.72	*	
Federal Meal Tax	6.44		
Federal Meal Tax Registration	1.00		
Tax on admissions	20.72		10=00
	1100	\$	187.88
Play Ground Supplies	14.90		
Fill, Trucking & Grading	62.00		70.00
Repairing Town Hall KitchenV. I. A.'s Share of Payment on Gas Range			76.90 $110.74$
Coffee Urn for Town Hall Kitchen			97.00
Coffee Off for Town Hall Kitchen			91.00
		\$	205.00
Annual V. I. A. Paper 1947 cut	7.03		
Annual V. I. A. Paper 1947 Printing	270.00		
-		\$	277.03
Spring Clean up Day Advertising			14.00
Spring Clean up Day Trucking			26.10
Postage for Tresaurer			1.83
Service Charge on Checking Acct			3.22
Total Payments		\$1	,111.70
Cash Balance			669.38
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		\$1	,781.08

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE C. TURNER,

Treasurer

# AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

November 11, 1946

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and cash balance as stated.

RAYMOND W. SHERBURNE,

Auditor.

# 4-H GIRLS

The Clover Club of the 4-H was organized in December, with ten girls, now we have 13 girls of varying ages.

As most of the girls have sewing in school, it was voted to have instruction in Knitting, Crocheting and Sewing.

The girls enjoy their meetings and took full responsibility of preparing the program and costumes were made by the older girls. They had eight guests and every one had a good time.

The Clover Club is looking forward to the coming County 4-H activities.

Yours truly, (MRS.) MARION M. DAIGLE,

#### MIDDLESEX HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Tyngsboro Tuberculosis Committee is glad to report another successful year of operation. Because of the generous support of our Annual seal sale by the residents of Tyngsboro, the committee has been able to carry on its important work of trying to stamp out tuberculosis.

Middlesex Health Association reports great strides have been made in its campaign to X-ray whole communities and looks forward to even more extensive work along this line in 1948.

Your local Tuberculosis committee has made financial contributions to Rutland Training centre and Reading Sanatorium, the money to be used in each case for equipment and material.

We wish to thank the people of Tyngsboro for their continued support of this very worthy cause.

BERNICE SHERBURNE, President, FLORENCE SMITH, Sec. Treasurer. ANNIE NORTON. CATHERINE LAMBERT, IRENE MITCHELL, MARION PARKER.

#### 4-H CLOTHING CLUB

The 4-H Clothing Club meets every Thursday after school. When the club first started we met once every two weeks, but as this did not allow time to accomplish our goal the girls decided to meet every week. There are eight girls belonging to the club between the ages of 11 and 15. We call it the "Good Luck Club", the name coming from the four-leaf clover which signifies good luck.

This is not just a sewing club. It is to teach the girls the care of their clothes as well as the making of them. The girls have made blouses, aprons and dresses and have given demonstrations on care of clothing.

As our guest at one meeting we had Miss Pearson, Associate County Club agent from the extension service in Concord, who gave an interesting talk on 4-H club work and also provided an enjoyable recreation period.

The girls are certainly following their 4-H motto: "To make the best better."

# TYNGSBOROUGH GIRL SCOUT TROOP 29 March 1947 — March 1948

The Girl Scouts had their regular weekly meetings at the Town Hall throughout the Spring, Fall, and Winter months. Besides Assistant Leader Grace Stratten and the writer, instructors were Mrs. Edward Keyes. Mrs. Forrest Ames, Miss Anna Elliott, and Miss Janet Clarke.

Instead of the usual round up in May, Tyngsborough Grange No. 222 held Girl Scout Night at the Town Hall on June 24, 1947. The girls presented a program following which Miss Emily Sharp, Acting Field Director, presented badges in the following fields:— Housekeeping, Home Nursing, Games, Hostess, First Aid, Bibliophile, Reader, Second Class, Cyclist and Dancer.

Two main events of the spring were a soft ball tournament and a visit with the Chelmsford Girl Scouts at their Annual Court of Awards. In the summer the girls had their eagerly awaited sightseeing trip to Boston. The group left on the early morning train and spent the day seeing the historical spots of the city. A ride on the swan boats in the Public Gardens was greatly enjoyed.

When activities were resumed in the fall twenty-nine girls registered, with many new girls to replace the senior high girls who had left. The season started with a hike to the Old Indian fireplace on Potash Hill where the girls demonstrated their outdoor skills. In November, to celebrate the troop birthday we had a covered dish supper with all the scouts, mothers, and troop committee present. It was a grand party.

During the bad winter weather several meetings had to be cancelled. However, some fine skating weather was provided and two ice-skating parties were held on Flint's Pond.

The scouts extend thanks to the people of the town for the use of the Town Hall and to those who have given so generously of their time to further Girl Scout work.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE ALLGROVE, Leader.

# LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

There were twelve meetings held through the year of 1947. Two held at the Church and two at the Town Hall. The remainder held at the homes of members. On May 9 a successful Spring Sale was held in the Town Hall. The Ladies paid their Church Pledge of \$200. and, bought a new gas range for the church kitchen. Also helped on the new gas heater.

In November a Fair was held in the Town Hall netting a good sum. The Young People's Group of the Church put on a play, "Green Pastures" that was very much enjoyed, and the Ladies appreciated their co-operation. At our annual election in January, of this year one ballot was cast for the same slate of officers. At our next meeting Mrs. Ethel I. Sherburne resigned as President, and Mrs. Lillian Pineo was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy.

EDITH M. BELL, Secretary.

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ROBERT D. PELLETIER UNIT No. 247

The following officers for 1947-48 were installed at a joint public installation of the Unit and the Post at the Town Hall October 16th. Mrs. Ruth B. McHale District Director was the Installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Eva Costello, Sergeant-At-Arms.

President-Bertha M. Knight

Sr. Vice President—Yvonne Wilkins Jr. Vice President—Dorothea Jordan

Secretary—Carol Mauritson

Treasurer-Ethel B. Ahearn

Chaplain-Eva Jordan

Sergeant-At-Arms-Mary Flanders, Ruth Kisley.

The Unit held its first Poppy Day in May. The townspeople's response was most gratifying. Proceeds of this sale went to the Bedford Veterans' Hospital for rehabilitation

Memorial Day the Unit participated in the parade and exercises of the day.

Whist parties, a food sale, weinie roast and penny socials are among the social events successfully undertaken. A Christmas party was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Yvonne Wilkins. A tree with inexpensive gifts and carol singing was greatly enjoyed. The delicious lunch served at this affair added pleasure to the festivities.

A donation was made to the fund to help furnish the new recreation room at Cushing Hospital. Donations were made to the regular fund for the veterans' Christmas fund, Bedford Veterans' Hospital. Many fine gifts and wrappings were also donated to the Christmas Gift Shop of this same

In February of the present year the Unit sponsored a sleighride and hot supper for thirty-two patients, men and women, from the Bedford Veterans' Hospital. Due to the splendid co-operation of the Unit and the Post and the fine response of all who were solicited for food the affair was a decided success and a red letter day in the lives of our guests.

Space does not permit recounting all of the Unit's activities. Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month. All eligible women of the Town are cordially invited to join the Unit. There is always work for willing hands. "Service not Self" is the motto of the American Legion Auxiliary.

B. M. KNIGHT, President.

The first meeting of the V. I. A. was held on the 22nd of December, 1890. As stated in the by-laws, the object of the Association was to "improve, ornament and light the streets and public grounds of Tyngsborough, by planting and cultivating trees, cleaning and repairing side-walks and gutters; erecting, caring for, and lighting street lamps, and doing such other acts as shall tend to beautify, improve and light said streets and grounds."

Changing conditions have transferred these activities to the town government, but the V. I. A. continues to work for the benefit of the community. All residents interested in the cause may become members upon payment of the dues, one dollar annually.

A. F. E., Clerk

# ROBERT D. PELLETIER, A. L. POST 247

Officers of the Post for the year of 1948 are as follows:-

Commander-Theodore Boucher Jr. S. V. Commander—Raymond Wilkins J. V. Commander—Harold B. Wilkins Sergeant-at-Arms-Kenneth Dodge Finance officer-Charles Coburn Chaplain—Laroux Dupuis

Adjutant-Perley E. Knight Historian-Robert Desmarais

On May 30, 1947 the Legion took an active part in the dedication of the monument which was erected in honor of the men in Tyngsborough who lost their lives in World War I and II.

During the summer the Legion sponsored a children's field day at the play grounds which was well attended and

certainly appreciated by all present.

Comrades Boucher, Dodge and Desmarais attended the National Convention in New York City. The Post sponsored the erection of two search lights outside of their quarters for the benefit of skaters on the lower Pond.

The Post entered a bowling team in the Town Bowling

League.

A large number of Veterans responded to the call for man power to prevent and to combat forest fires during the dry season of the Fall of 1947.

PERLEY L. KNIGHT, Adjutant.

# EVANGELICAL WOMAN'S CLUB

The Evangelical Woman's Club having now completed its third year, has a total of 34 members. We have met the third Tuesday evening of each month at the home of members. Our Program Chairman, Barbara Fuller, has done an excellent job in bringing us a variety of education and entertainment in our programs.

Under the Presidency of Florence Smith the club has successfully carried out two Bean Suppers, a Smorgasbord dinner, two products demonstrations, and other similar projects. During the year we have added a new electric refrigerator and a rug to the Parsonage. In the fall we papered and painted the kitchen and study. In addition to this we made our usual pledge to the Church and contributed to the Furnace Fund. Throughout the year cards have been sent to members who have been sick. The Musicale was presented in December.

The Officers and Committee Chairmen for 1948 are as follows: President, Ruth Bent; Vice-Pres., Helen Lustig; Secretary, Blanche Clarke; Treasurer, Marion Little; Remembrance, Christina Bell; Program, Barbara Spindell; Finance, Midge Whitely.

It is the hope of the new Executive Committee to carry on many of the established projects and to place a new emphasis on community service for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA H. LAMBERT, Secretary 1947

# BOY SCOUTS-TROOP 1-TYNGSBOROUGH

Troop 1 Tyngsborough, Boy Scouts of America is continuing under the sponsorship of the Tyngsborough Grange with a reorganization of the Troop Committee as follows: chairman, Clarence Carkin; sec.-treasurer, Chester Queen; Frank H. Linscott, Sr., Harvey Pineo, Carl Allgrove, George Bell, Warren Allgrove.

Registered scouts of the Troop: Jr. Ass't Scout Master—Frank H. Linscott, jr. 1st. Class: Senior Patrol Leader—Richard E. Fay, 1st Class: Scribe—Edward T. McPhee, 1st Class: Patrol Leader— Preston Fay, jr. 2nd Class: Ass't Patrol Leader—Gerard H. Driscoll, 2nd Class: Raymond N. Linscott, 2nd Class; Frank D. Parker—2nd Class; Patrol 1 leader—Richard A. Ashley, 2nd Class; Ass't Patrol Leader— Curtis Guild, 2nd Class; Donald Spooner, 2nd Class; Robert E. Brown, tend. There are eight candidates who are working on their Tenderfoot requirements.

Regular meetings are held Monday evenings at 7 o'clock in the Town Hall. Permission has been secured for the Troop to use "the Boulders" in Westford as a perment camping and hiking grounds. The Scouts have already hiked into the area on snowshoes, and they are enthusiastic about having many more similar events.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. LAMBERT, Scoutmaster.

# NOV. 1946—NOV. 1947

All meetings of the V. I. A. Executive Committee this year were held at the home of the Chairman, Mr. Harvey F. Pineo. Other members of the committee were Mrs. Pineo, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carkin and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Farrow, Sr.

Meetings were held through the winter to make plans for the fair and the V. I. A. Annual. The fair was held on April 10 and 11 with a turkey supper served the second night in charge of Harvey Pineo and assisted by all members of the Executive Committee. A four-act play coached by Mrs. F. Kenfield Smith was presented two nights. The committee worked hard and published an unusually fine annual.

The committees for the fair were as follows:

Decorations-Mrs. Robert Lambert Fancy Table-Mrs. Raymond Sherburne Novelty-Mrs. Franklin Hammond Candy—Mrs. Charles Allgrove

Children's—Mrs. Anna Shipley Farmer's—Mr. Charles Derbabian

During the year several projects were carried out, namely: the kitchen in the Town Hall was cleaned and modernized. A new gas stove and coffee maker were purchased, several fluorescent lights and electric plugs installed, new kettles and trays were purchased. The Town, V. I. A., Grange and other organizations contributed to the expense.

The playground was also put in condition for the summer session. Ashes and loam were hauled and spread under the direction of Mr. Gilbert Dupras. He also hauled and spread clay for the tennis court but this was discontinued due to the expense and lack of help. We also donated rope for swings

at the Winslow School.

Clean-up days were sponsored both spring and fall with the help of Mr. John Riley and Mr. Conrad Sargent.

The annual fall meeting was held November 14 with an old-fashioned meat pie supper preceding it. Dr. Charles McConnell of Boston University was the guest speaker. Music was provided by Mrs. Carl Gray and Mr. Merrill Little.

Mr. Harvey Pineo was elected president for the ensuing year and Mr. and Mrs. Leroux Dupuis as members of the executive committee for three years.

Respectively submitted,

HARVEY F. PINEO

# BIRD NOTES

Ten May morning walks afforded the Winslow School pupils opportunity to observe and identify not only common birds, but several of the rarer migrants that pass through in the spring. The first and second grade pupils, the only ones who did not take part in the excursions, were escorted to the Littlefield Library by their teachers, and shown the mounted specimens on exhibit there.

As usual, through the courtesy of the local Grange, small prizes were awarded to pupils completing lists of birds observed and identified,-the number required depending on the grade. Seventy-nine lists were accepted. Income from the Francena Sherburne Bird Fund furnished prizes for thirty-eight occupied bird houses. The tenants were bluebirds, tree swallows, and house wrens.

Mr. Edwin Davis came from Leominster to conduct the annual community walk, and to accompany the Eighth Grade on their Farwell Road trip. Mrs. F. D. Lambert and Miss Elliott were assistant leaders for the State Grange bird walk

at Wayside Gardens. It is very gratifying to note the interest taken by townspeople in the plight of the birds during this severe winter. Men, women and children in all sections are feeding hungry birds, from the tiny chickadees to lordly pheasants, driven by starvation to our very door steps.

A most unusual winter visitor stayed through the first week of December in Ward 2.—A male Baltimore oriole in brilliant plumage spent much time in the Starkey's apple tree, taking time off to call on the Berthram Singletons, and a few other fortunate hosts.

A screech owl occupied a shelf on Miss Lena Coburn's piazza for several nights. A fox sparrow, song sparrow and two white-throats are feeding with a flock of winter birds. A large flock of Canada geese were observed flying over town on the 19th of February by Mrs. Valmos Stone and Herbert Shipley.

It is time to start making houses for the nesting birds, especially bluebirds whose natural nesting places have been destroyed by the cutting down of apple trees in large numbers. The birds are still our most useful allies in the fight against insect pests. Directions for making simple houses will be furnished by the Grange Bird Committee.

ANNA F. ELLIOTT.

### THE PLAYGROUND

The summer playground was conducted for five weeks as usual, with a maximum daily attendance of sixty children. A corps of volunteer helpers,—two adults and two junior assistants each day,-with Miss Elliott supervising and planning, made possible another successful season. Swings and slide were in constant use, and there were group games and singing. Handicrafts under competent instruction continued popular. Among the special features were a flower show and a pet show. On Party Day, which marked the closing of the playground, the children themselves arranged an ambitious program of singing, dancing, recitations, and a marionette performance.

Parents were cooperative, and there were gifts of material and equipment and "treats". There was continued support by the School Committee. The labor of constructing much needed shelves for storage space in the playhouse was contributed by Mr. John Murray. The playground area was contributed by Mr. John Murray. The playground area was increased and improved by the filling in of the low land at the base of the hill. The initial grading was accomplished by Mr. Ray Forrest's bulldozer. The whole community is grateful to the V. I. A. for completing the project, and to Mr. Gilbert Dupras for his untiring and generous effort in

leveling and grading.

CATHARINE W. LAMBERT, ANNA F. ELLIOTT, Playground Committee.

### VITAL STATISTICS

# BIRTHS 1947

#### JANUARY

- 3-Edith Mary Hall
- 6-Joel Lord Bostick
- 12—Shirley Ann Dupras 13-Rudolphe Joseph Bacon
- Singleton
- 27-Thomas Henry LaRochelle

# FEBRUARY

- 15-Donald Albert Tuleja
- Leonard
- 16-Kathleen Yvonne Wilkins
- 20-Paul Raymond Langlois

6-Raymond Russell Schwartz 18—William Joseph Montbleau

# APRIL

- 8-Kenneth Clayton Jordan 2nd
- 8-Wayne Arthur Farrow
- 15-Michael Andrew Cote
- 17—Richard Ernest Goodwin 19-William Francis Clough
- 19-Linda Ann McInerney
- 19—Carol Linda Cabana
- 21-Ernest Albert Allgrove

# MAY

- 9—Peter Joseph Johnson
- 23-Boucher

# 23-James Hunter Crocker

- 10-Cynthia Holmes Cote
- 23-Linda Marie Pack

# JULY

- 7—Dianne Elizabeth Illg
- 9—Diane Louise Porter
- 15-Paul Joseph Leaver
- 27-Marie Claire Cecile Lacourse

# 29-Walter Andrew Breault

# AUGUST

- 5—Cynthia Gay Bouthilette
- 22—David Merton Gray
- 23-John Walter Makevich III 25—Catherine Grace Carey
- 27—David Ellis Hurst

# 27—Linda Marie Borodawka

- SEPTEMBER
- 1-Robert Joseph Pelletier
- 4 Spencer 12-Catherine Andrea Clark
- Smith
- 16-Marie Carmen Catherine Fortin

#### OCTOBER

- 1—Jean Alfred Dumais
- 1—Cynthia May Peters
- 3-Louis Maynard
- 29-Milton Esterbrook, III.

# NOVEMBER

- 3-David Alal Kramer
- 5—Ann Elizabeth Fuller
- 24-Priscilla De Forest Lambert
- 25-Brian Kevin Rafferty

#### DECEMBER

- 14—Leo Henry
- 16—Charles Merritt Turner
- 21-Donald Berthram Singleton, Twin, First
- 21-Dorothy Jane Singleton, Twin, Second
- -Gotham

# MARRIAGES 1947

#### JANUARY

- 3-Alfred Dixon and Mary Mullen
- 8-Eugene Picard and Evangeline Gekas
- 14-Francis Dunne and Doris Parkhurst
- 17-John F. Thomas and Mary L. Dwyer
- 18-Victor Budold and Irene Caron
- 19—George Carberg and Marion A. Lewis
- 19-Leon Hester and Lorraine Corbin

# FEBRUARY

- 1-Edwin Ellis Hurst and Bernice Edgecomb
- 6-Manuel Avilla and Frances Aherns
- 9-Frank Blemel and Ann Neary
- 9-Clarence Joseph Dickie and Christine J. Marhopoulos
- 14-Andrew York and Mabel Shepard
- 15-Robert Brown and Florence Senecal
- 15—Horace Duxbury and Shirley I. Beaulieu 23—Harry Green, Jr., and Natalie K. G. Farrow
- 28-Nicholas Melanchook and Alice Lareau

- 8-Francis W. Letourneau and Emma H. Asselin
- 9-Ernest J. Boch and Jeanette Margaret Newton
- 14-Arthur Roy and Helen Hunt
- 15-Joseph J. Boisvert and Alma Charlotte Taylor
- 15-Thomas J. Connors and Lucienne P. Fells
- 21-Carroll Omer Melanson and Mary Doughtery Becker
- 21-Harold Milne and Lucille Brooks
- 29-E. Douglas Leary and Florence Elizabeth Goffe.
- 30-Myron R. Potter and Evelyn Schofield

# APRIL

- 1-Walter Francis Phillips and Anna Lennie Sawtell
- 5-Albert J. Giguere and Gertrude Fournier
- 6-Leo A. Daigle and Doris Helen Hebert
- 10—Thomas H. Bleasdale, Jr. and Dorothy Burns 11—Milton Esterbrook, Jr. and Phyllis Ann Constantine 13—Harold Peters and Margaret Wells Clark
- 20-John Avila and Mary Rita Keller
- 20—George R. Richardson and Julia O'Neil 28—Richard E. LaFlame and Theresa M. Lemander

- 2-Malcolm L. Crockett and Anne D. White
- 2—Joseph Benoit and Jeannette Burgess
- 3-James P. Marlowe and Yvette Theresa Perrault
- 4—George Freedman and Virginia Hebert
- 10—Louis J. Waltos and Mary Nastintos 23—Ralph W. Herrick, Jr. and Gladys R. Novicki
- 28—Charles W. Saunders, Jr. and Theresa May Joyce 30—Salvinus F. Moses, Jr. and Florence N. Billings
- 30-Raymond Joseph Leclair and Mary Alice Collings JUNE
- 2-Peter Vassil and Joan Gamache
  - 5—Joseph W. Dempsey and Marjorie Lord Sawyer
- 8-Harold Leonard Pivirotto and Jeannette Lillian Morin 15-Michael Marino and Florence Marinel
- 21-Thomas T. Fitzpatrick and Maria Lillian Driscoll
- 25-Leo Rospond and Rita Marie Shanley
- 28-Joseph Letourneau and Florence Leard
- 28-Leo Wilfred L'Heureux and Barbara White McKenna
- 28-Clifton Joseph Demers and Elizabeth Holden JULY
- 2-Archie Vernon Liversidge and Winifred Craig Miller
  - 3-Harold J. Seamans and Catherine T. Beaupre
  - 5—William H. Fyler and Alva D'Ambroise 5—Charles A. Polito and Eva Arsenault 11—Ernest Covey and Fernande Durand 18—Francis Carr and Claire Driscoll

  - 21-Roland Courtemanche and Eleanor Hatfield
  - 23-Anthony Orivarunas and Lillian Tardiff

#### AUGUST

- 4-Robert A. Cote and Dorothy E. Brake
- 11-Nicholas Charles Casaletto & Phyllis Margaret Remsey
- 11-Chris Masterson and Irene Auclair
- 15-Edward J. Briere and Ruth Olds
- 17-Richard George Swett and Barbara Mary Flynn
- 18-Charles Leon Webster and Jean E. McMahon
- 23-Frederick J. Shaw and Ruth M. Brannen
- 29—Arthur J. Beaudoin, Jr. and Rita M. Bourassa 30—Charles E. Reynolds and Beatrice Bernier

#### SEPTEMBER

- 6-Hubert Raymond Bellegarde and Dorothy May Macleod
- 6-Thomas J. Bentley and Esther Gill
- 6-Turre F. Pennaman, Jr., and Patricia A. Crawford
- 13-John A. Illg and Julia Lapin
- 13-Francis Hopkins and Lucille M. Kennison
- 14-George Smith and Irene Snay
- 20—Donald Arnold Whitney and Mildred Vivian Sabean 21—Anthony Kisley and Ruth Elizabeth Lorman
- 23—John J. McNamara and Agnes F. King 27—John P. Linscott and Wilma Hayworth
- OCTOBER
  - 2-Herbert A. Owen and Madeline Malonson
  - 4-Charles L. O'Coin and Rosemarie Simpson
  - 5-Aime Goulet and Jacquelyn L. Elliott
- 14-Thomas R. Owens and Jenny Maguire
- 17-Karl O. Enger and Mary Jesak
- 18—Henry Joseph Chasse and Evelyn Gertrude Bullard 22—Joseph Habib and Geraldine Ann Turkowsky
- 25—John H. O'Neill, Jr. and Aurore Y. Robarge 28—Albert L. Talbot and Alice S. Pundis

# NOVEMBER

- 8-Albert Gervais and Pauline Leblanc
- 8—Billy Jo Fuller and June Lampson
- 14—Henry St. George, Jr. and Anna Kelley 16—Earl B. Davis and Marion E. Fay 23—Leo A. Mercier and Irene R. Roux
- 23-Elmer G. Dodge and Winona Brown
- 27-Louis Bibeault and Pearl J. Wilkins
- 29—Charles A. Morton and Juanita E. Sargent
- 29-Raymond Vadney and Elaine Prince
- DECEMBER
- 6—Russell P. Henrickson and Annette Desclos 8—William J. Graham and Dorothy Lynde 10—David L. G. Harding and Theresa Marie Hunt 24—John L. Birch and Irene Marie D'Ambroise

- 25—Fay White and Alice Marshall 29—Lee R. Kalch, Jr. and Margaret E. Dakai
- 30—Eino R. Ruonala and Helen Austin 31—David Franklin Penney and Annie Mary Carey 31—George L. Ahearn and Vivian Scott
- 31-Donat Landry and Doris Lemelin

# DEATHS 1947

# JANUARY

- 4—Sister Marie Alicia (Alice J. Crotty)
- 5-Ruth Virginia Kennedy
- 18—Infant Singleton
- 22-Henry Sherman Proctor
- 28-Ernest C. Ward

# FEBRUARY

MARCH

- 7—Octave Boisjoly
- 3—Sarah A. Sutcliffe
- 8-Emily Ann Bentley 20-Raymond Cyr

- MAY
- 16—Edward William Gotham 22-Georgianna Richard
- 29-Hilda J. Dodge

# 30-Annie R. Crandall

- JUNE 21—Telia B. Queen
- 29-Mrs. Mary J. E. Walters

# JULY

- 5-Frith Ernest Atkinson AUGUST
- 7-Helen Gilbert

# 18—George Bradbury

OCTOBER 2-Mary Ann Harriman

# NOVEMBER

- 9-Harry Swan
- 29—Sister Sabina, S. N. D. (Elizabeth Clancy) DECEMBER
  - 8-Mary Ward
  - 27—Charles D. Dunderdale



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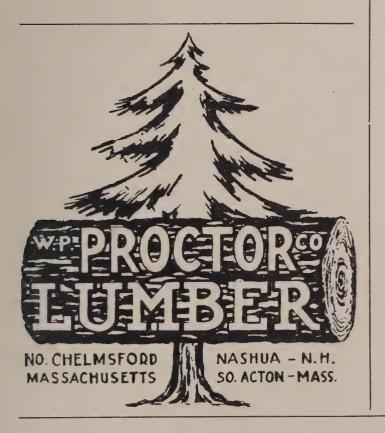
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